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SUBJECT: RE-EXPORT OF AUSTRALIAN BEEF TO U.S.

REF: STATE 295202

SAN JOSE FOR AGATT

1. EMBOFFS MET WITH VICE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE GUSTAVO GONZALEZ AT HIS REQUEST TO DUSCUSS CURRENT EXPORT STATUS OF SUBJECT BEEF TO U.S. GONZALEZ INFORMALLY PRESENTED COPY OF REQUEST BEING CLEARED THROUGH THE FOREIGN MINISTRY FOR INFORMATION ON OBTAINING ENTRY OF BEEF IN THREE CATEGORIES: (A) FROZEN BONELESS STEW BEEF, (B) 4, 6 AND 8 OZ. STEAKS (RIBEYE, STRIPLOIN, ETC.) AND (C) DEBONED BEEF. FIRST TWO CATEGORIES PRESUMED TO BE EXEMPT FROM VOLUNTARY RESTRAINT LEVELS (COPIES OF NOTE POUCHED TO AGATT SAN JOSE AND ARA/PAN).

2. EMBOFFS INFORMALLY CONVEYED TO GONZALEZ U.S. CUSTOMS RESPONSE TO EXPORTER RE STEW MEAT REPORTED IN REFTTEL, SUGGESTING THAT SAME PROCEDURE WOULD BE APPROPRIATE FOR OBTAINING CLASSIFICATIONS ON BEEFSTEAKS.

3. GONZALEZ ALSO INDICATED THAT PANAMA'S PRESENT VOLUNTARY RESTRAINT QUOTE INEQUITABLE SINCE LEVEL WAS BASED ON YEARS IN WHICH PANAMANIAN CATTLEMEN WERE SHIPPING LESS MEAT WHILE ATTEMPTING TO BUILD UP HERDS FOR INCREASED FUTURE EXPORT

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ACTIVITY. HE INDICATED THAT EARLIER LONG-RANGE PROJECTIONS OF MEAT EXPORTS TO U.S. WERE SIX MILLION LBS. FOR 1975 AND TEN

MILLION LBS. FOR 1976. GOP INTENDS TO FORMALLY REQUEST LATTER
FIGURE FOR 1976.

4. INDICATIONS ARE THAT 4,200,000 LBS. OF AUSTRALIAN BEEF HAVE
ARRIVED IN PANAMA WITH 800,000 LBS. YET TO COME.
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